

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for accessing prospectus data, comprising:

storing financial prospectus data on [[an]] at least one electronically readable media medium;
permanently affixing the at least one electronically readable media medium to a printed financial prospectus, wherein the at least one electronically readable medium comprises at least one of an optical bar code, a magnetic strip, and an embedded computer chip; and

reading the data from the at least one electronically readable media medium using a suitable device.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining data to be stored in the at least one electronically readable media medium.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the data in a summary format.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the data in a standardized format.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data comprises at least one category of data, the method further comprising utilizing more than one a separate electronically readable media medium type of the at least one electronically readable medium for separate storage of each data categories category.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

encrypting the data prior to storing in the at least one electronically readable media medium; and

utilizing decryption computer software after reading for decryption of the data.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one electronically readable media medium is affixed to a cover of the printed financial prospectus.

8. (currently amended) A system for prospectus data management, comprising:

at least one electronically readable media medium that stores financial prospectus data, wherein the at least one electronically readable medium comprises at least one of an optical bar code, a magnetic strip, and an embedded computer chip;

a printed financial prospectus to which the at least one electronically readable media medium is permanently affixed; and

a suitable device that reads the data contained in the at least one electronically readable media medium.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is stored in the at least one electronically readable media medium in a summary format.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is stored in the at least one electronically readable media medium in a standardized format.

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein different categories of the the data comprises at least one category of data and each category of data are is stored in more than one a separate electronically readable media medium type.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is stored in an encrypted format prior to

storage in the at least one electronically readable media
medium.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the at least one electronically readable media medium is affixed to a cover of the printed financial prospectus.

14. (currently amended) A printed prospectus, comprising:

at least one page having printed financial data;
and

[[an]] at least one electronically readable media medium containing an electronically readable version of the printed financial data, the at least one electronically readable media medium permanently affixed to a page of the printed prospectus, wherein the at least one electronically readable medium comprises at least one of an optical bar code, a magnetic strip, and an embedded computer chip.

15. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein affixing the at least one electronically readable medium to the printed financial prospectus comprises printing the at least one optical bar code on the printed financial prospectus.

16. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein affixing the at least one electronically readable medium to the printed financial prospectus comprises incorporating the at least one magnetic strip into the printed financial prospectus.

17. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein affixing the at least one electronically readable medium to the printed financial prospectus comprises embedding the at least one embedded computer chip into the printed financial prospectus.

18. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the financial prospectus data is selected from the group consisting of security information, classification information, consolidated financial information, inventory information, dilution data,

asset information, debt information, past performance information, management salary information, tax information, underwriter compensation information, and operations data.

19. (new) The method of claim 3 wherein the summary format comprises selected portions of the financial prospectus data.

20. (new) The method of claim 4 further comprising writing the data stored in the standardized format to a database.